

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING DANIEL JUNIOR

#### HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Daniel Junior for his stellar and philanthropic contributions to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

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Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Daniel Junior, a 2023 Role Model Wall Man with a generous philanthropic spirit and I ask my colleagues from the 117th Congress to join me in honoring this special circle of brotherhood.

### HOMETOWN HERO—AURELIE MIGAUT

#### HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VAN DUYN. I rise today to recognize Aurelie Migault, a Coppell native and West Point Swimmer who was recently named USAA Athlete of the Week.

Aurelie made her community proud by attending our nation's prestigious military academy. Her dedication to service and love for country is a testament to the kind of young woman Aurelie is.

Just last week, she made us immensely proud once again by breaking two West Point Academy records in the 100 and 200 meter breaststroke, making her a USAA Athlete of the Week.

I'd like to thank Aurelie for her commitment to our country at West Point and for representing North Texas in sport with her exemplary talent. I look forward to seeing many more achievements from Aurelie both in and out of the pool.

### HONORING DON CHRISTOPHER

#### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the many contributions of Don

Christopher to our Gilroy community. Don passed away on Monday, December 12, 2022, at age 88, surrounded by his family. This loss is deeply felt across our community.

Don Christopher was born into a prune-farming family in San Jose in 1934. According to Mercury News archives, Ole Christopher had emigrated from Denmark, purchased 15 acres in South San Jose, and planted his first trees in 1896. The orchard expanded to hundreds of acres over the decades, and family members eventually sold their land in the 1950s to IBM for its facility.

Don attended Oak Grove Grammar School, Live Oak High School, and San Jose State University. In 1956, after receiving a gift of acreage, he founded the Christopher Ranch company. He planted lima beans, sugar beets, and 10 acres of garlic. From these beginnings, Christopher Ranch, while always remaining a family operation, evolved to become the nation's largest garlic processor. Although Christopher Ranch now grows garlic throughout California, all of it is processed in Gilroy. The company is the largest private employer in Gilroy.

Don and Christopher Ranch were instrumental in creating our renowned Gilroy Garlic Festival. In 1979, a handful of volunteers, including Don, staged a festival celebrating garlic with the goal of raising money for charity. They expected several thousand people from the surrounding communities. This turned out to be an underestimation: 15,000 people attended the first Gilroy Garlic Festival. The festival became a momentous, three-day event. It drew visitors from around the world annually from 1979 to 2019.

Don Christopher's hard work turned Gilroy into the Garlic Capital of the World. He also contributed extensively to our community, including the Gilroy Unified School District, through philanthropy. I first met Don in the 1980s when he built a child development center at his expense and opened it for the benefit of the children of his employees. Don was someone who cared about others. He was generous and devoted to his family, his employees, and his community.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize and commend Don Christopher for his awe-inspiring achievements. His legacy will endure for generations. We miss him greatly.

### HONORING DALE JOHNSON

#### HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

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to prison pipeline and to guiding our young boys along a cheerfully charted path and sending them to college. He is investing in the children of our community, and they will be the benefactors of his investment for generations to come. He will always be a part of us, and we will always be a part of him. I thank him for all that he does on behalf of our children.

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### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes on December 15, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Rollcall No. 529, and NAY on Rollcall No. 530.

### RECOGNIZING BISHOP LARRY MACK

#### HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, today, I want to recognize Bishop Larry Mack of Greater Dreams Church in the City of Wayne in Michigan's 13th District Strong, as he celebrates his 15 years of service in faith.

Bishop Mack has ministered to thousands of individuals as a faithful servant to his flock. He has provided a safe haven for downtrodden and weary souls, encouraging them through inspired teaching and support in faith. He has also served as a role model and mentor to youth, adults and senior citizens, leading them in ministry. Over the past 15 years, Bishop Mack has helped grow his family in faith and now hosts 5 television programs on TCT (Total Christian Television Network), reaching 172 nations and more than 73 million people.

Bishop Mack's work extends to community service. He has launched the Brown Bag Lunch Program (TEFAP) to assist individuals which provides nourishment and sustenance for those in need. He has established several auxiliary ministry branches to nourish GDC congregants including: GDC Sisterhood, V Youth, GDC Dance Troup, Alter Ministry, GDC Worship, Greater Men, Hospitality and Greeters, GDC Kids and Keepers of the House. Further, he co-founded The Redeemed International Gospel Assembly (TRIGA) comprised of hundreds of churches, ministering the grace of God and the Good News of the Gospel to untold thousands of individuals and families.

Please join me in celebrating Bishop Larry Mack for 15 years of service to Greater

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Dreams Church and the people of Michigan's 13th District Strong.

HONORING ED HAYNES

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

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Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ed Haynes for his stellar and philanthropic contributions to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

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HONORING DAMON CONNOLLY

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Damon Connolly upon his retirement from the Marin County Board of Supervisors as District One's dedicated Supervisor for 8 years.

A Bay Area native and 25-year resident of San Rafael, Damon is a champion for important community issues from environmental conservation and renewable energy to affordable housing and public infrastructure. A founding board member of Marin Clean Energy, one of the state's first community green-energy providers, Damon has worked with firm commitment to reduce Marin County's environmental footprint, attain 100 percent renewable energy independence, and improve public infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians. With an ear always turned to the thoughts and concerns of San Rafael residents, Damon developed a reputation for his open-door policy and yearly commitment to personally going car-free to test the efficacy of the transit system.

Drawing on his prior tenures on the Dixie School Board of Education and San Rafael City Council, Damon was willing to confront controversial issues and manage conflicting priorities, including spearheading the preservation of open space, such as Silveira Ranch, while advocating for more affordable housing.

Damon served as President of the Board of Supervisors in 2018 and more recently, on the board of directors for the Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Marin County Housing Authority, Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART), and Marin County Open Space District. He is also the former

President of the Workforce Alliance of the Noah Bay, Chair of Marin Transit, and Marin's representative on the Metropolitan Transpollution Commission.

Madam Speaker, Damon Connolly's commitment to the community has been, and will continue to be, productive and enduring. I respectfully ask that you join me and the Board of Supervisors in extending to Damon gratitude for his two terms on the Marin County Board of Supervisors, and best wishes as he continues to represent Marin as a California State Assemblymember.

**HOMETOWN HERO—NORTH TEXAS  
FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS**

**HON. BETH VAN DUYN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. VAN DUYN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize 22 North Texans who have gone above and beyond representing our country—and our community—around the world as Fulbright scholars.

These North Texas leaders were hand-picked for the highly prestigious Fulbright Program based on their exemplary merit:

Anastasia Badillo, Madisen Caster, Saltanat Childress, Christine Cho, Rahul Dadwani, Katherine Dau, Susannah Dibble, Cristina Flores Rodriguez, Pablo Gonzales, Dimitar Grantcharov, Apurva Gunturu, Jon Paul Heyne, Gretta Hotz, Shirin Khakoo, Courtney Kobos, Josiah Lindquist, Connor Mitchell, Kathleen Painter, Elizabeth Parker, Jose Ma Rios, Nikitha Vicas, and Joshua Yudkin.

Through international educational exchange, they forged lasting relations between the United States and fifteen countries across the globe.

I am immensely proud to represent such active and determined scholars, peacekeepers, and American heroes. I look forward to seeing the positive results of their hard work abroad.

HONORING DEPUTY CHIEF  
TIMOTHY BELCHER

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker. I rise today to honor Deputy Chief Timothy Belcher for his stellar and philanthropic contributions to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

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RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
BRITT VAN

**HON. JAMES A. HIMES**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Britt Van, a dedicated staffer for the New Democrat Coalition.

Britt departs the Coalition this month after working for more than five and a half years providing Coalition Members and staff with countless hours of policy advice and recommendations. I am especially honored to have worked with Britt, considering she is from my congressional district. It was a delight to have a constituent serve in an important policy staffer role while I was Chair of the Coalition in the 115th Congress.

During my term as chair, the Coalition established a task force to examine the evolving nature of work. Britt was instrumental in this process, and in developing our Economic Opportunity Agenda, which laid out our Coalition's policy priorities to ensure that American workers were prepared for the jobs of the future. Britt was the lead staffer on this agenda, developing and coordinating our work with New Dem offices, think tanks, and outside stakeholders. Without Britt, our agenda that focused on creating a future that works for all would not have been possible.

Britt was also critical in spearheading our policy efforts related to international trade. Anybody who has gotten to know Britt knows that she is a staunch defender of the importance of American leadership in the global market. She continued to carry the mantle on trade issues with our next two Chairs and cemented the Coalition's leadership on these issues.

Madam Speaker. I thank Britt Van for all of her work for the New Democrat Coalition. All of our Members have benefited tremendously from her policy knowledge and commitment to the job. Britt will be dearly missed by the Coalition, and I wish her all of the best.

COMMENDING DR. CHRISTA MARTIN FOR HER SELFLESS SERVICE TO HER COMMUNITY AND THE GREAT STATE OF TENNESSEE

**HON. MARK E. GREEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2022*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Dr. Christa Martin of Columbia, Tennessee.

Christa Martin exemplifies the volunteer spirit. She was born and raised in Maury County and continues to serve the community she cherishes so deeply. Growing up on a farm instilled in Dr. Martin the three main focuses of her life: education, public service,